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Three new cavalry brigades are being organized at Klatovy, Kolin and Jicin. A
new special detachment will be set up in spring 1953 at Nyrsko. The cavalry
school is now operating at Pardubice and Zvolen.

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- Cavalry maneuvers were held separately from the other army maneuvers from 3 to 7
 September 1952 in the Sadska (051/M19) Lhota Piskova Lhota Predni Lhota under
 the direction of General Kubin.
- 3. The formation of a new cavalry in the Czechoslovak Army was imposed by the Soviets against the wishes of the Czechoslovak General Staff, which preferred the acceleration of motorization and emphasized the lack of suitable cavalry terrain in the mountainous regions of Czechoslovakia. Moreover, General Bohumil Lastovicka since forced into retirement, protested against the raising of a new cavalry on political grounds; before 1939 the cavalry was largely recruited among the rich and the rightist agrarians, and has left in the popular mind the memory of a privileged and unpopular caste.
- 4. It was only after the arrival of Soviet Marshal Ivan Konev at Prague that the formation of a new Czechoslovak cavalry was decreed, but hostility to it has by no means disappeared within the Czechoslovak General Staff. The Russians were obliged to send a special mission to direct the training of the Czechoslovak cavalry. This mission, under the Soviet General Tjamin (sic), was to take over on 1 November 1952. From the political point of view, the situation has not changed. Cavalry officers keep separate from others, and the soldiers are demonstrably non-Communist, especially in Slovakia.
- 5. General Sezamsky, connected with General Jan Satorie, who headed President Klement Gottwald's military bureau, has been given the duty of handling the political education of the recruits, but so far has achieved very little.

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